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# INTRODUCTION.

**I**N publishing this special edition the Telegraph was inspired with the idea of presenting to its many readers something which could be retained as an interesting and pleasing souvenir and at the same time be of substantial benefit to Welland, the home of the Telegraph, and the surrounding district. No effort has been made to make this an art edition, but rather a sensible, substantial and interesting booklet which will attract attention and bring the natural advantages, the beauties and the possibilities of Welland before those who can appreciate and profit by them.

Probably no town in Canada is so greatly favored and yet so little known of its advantages as the County Town of this border county. There seems no reason why this should not be a town of ten times the inhabitants, except that it needs advertising. The Telegraph has great faith in Welland and great faith in advertising, and it was for this purpose that this booklet is printed and circulated. The Town Council and the business men generally have grasped the idea and have materially assisted in the publication of this special edition. They realize that in helping the town they are helping themselves.

In the composition of the book the publishers have endeavored to bring forward the advantages and facilities of Welland as an advantageous locality in which to build a large business or factory or as a most desirable residential town. Here the manufacturer can get water power, gas, electric light, good sewerage, shipping facilities by two waterways and five railways, and soon there will be an abundance of electric power to complete the advantages that can be equalled in few towns in America. The illustrations and subject matter of the following pages go into these points more fully and make interesting reading as well.

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## Condensed Facts About Welland.

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Population, 2,000.

County Town of Welland County.

Situation.—At the junction of the Welland canal and river; eight miles from the entrance of the canal and on Lake Erie level; 20 miles from Buffalo; 14 miles from Niagara Falls.

Shipping.—G. T. R., M. C. R., Wabash, T. H. & B. and C. P. R.; navigation on the canal and river. Half an hour's run from Buffalo; one hour from Hamilton; two hours from Toronto. Boat connection with Toronto at Port Dalhousie and Niagara.

Water power from the Welland canal feeder and from the canal itself.

Electric power from Niagara Falls and other power may soon be available from prospective schemes for the development of large blocks of electricity.

Other Advantages.—Macadam roads, good high and public schools, good public buildings, permanent walks, splendid waterworks with a supply of lake water, electric light, natural gas for fuel, power and lighting, electric fire alarm system, first-class sewers throughout the town, healthy situation and every improvement of an up-to-date town.



# THE TOWN OF WELLAND.



WELLAND, a town broad, aristocratic and rare; a type of Ontario's prosperity and the home of a loyal, contented and happy people. Gifted with the varied and envied Southern Ontario climate, surrounded by rich, fertile lands on the banks of a deep flowing river, Welland has grown up on a high and most attractive site, and from an artistic point of view that growth has been a wonderful one. The once plain site is now the accredited beauty spot of the whole district. Probably no town in the broad Dominion can boast of the miles of avenues, with their splendid roads and walks, and boulevards and lawns, as Welland can, and none can point with pride to more pretty homes and happy people. Welland is verily a gem among all the riches of the Garden of Canada.

One's first impression of a town is the one that carries most weight, and that is where Welland shows to advantage. No matter from what point of the compass a traveller approaches, he is immediately struck with the general trim and prosperous appearance. Every road is well kept, bordered by a green curb, and lined with large, uniform and shapely maple trees. Down either side runs a granolithic walk, and beyond are the gardens and lawns of the citizens. And every home has its green shaven lawns and garden—the cottage and the residence of the well-to-do alike. The houses are well set back and the lots are large and airy. The present site of the town covers about 1200 acres, but there is a probability of this being enlarged on the southern limits in the near future. There are over two miles of macadam roads, and the other portions are hard clay, which, though heavy travelling during a few weeks of the Spring and Fall, make excellent speedways during the summer months. There are between five and six miles of granolithic walks which cover all the main thoroughfares, and on the outskirts the few remaining board walks will be replaced with the permanent walks as occasion demands. But the streets and the houses are not the only attractive features of Welland. There are scores of fine business blocks, many of which are shown in this book. The public buildings, too, are probably the finest in proportion to the size of the town of any in Canada.

## Where Factories Grow.

But there are other attractive features about Welland. It is not only the most desirable residential town in the

district, but it has commercial advantages which are unsurpassed anywhere in Canada. These are almost too numerous to enumerate, but they include, shipping by five railways and three waterways; close connection with several large cities; electric power; water power; natural gas, for light and fuel; electric light, water works, sewers and good drainage; splendid roads and walks.

The shipping, probably the first point of interest to the prospective manufacturer, is one of Welland's best advantages. There are five railways running into the town, and these reach out in every direction. The Welland branch of the Grand Trunk gives an exceptionally good

service and connection all through Ontario. The C. P. R. has direct connection with their main lines. The T. H. & B. give a splendid service to and from Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo. The Wabash runs east and west from Buffalo into the southern and western States. The M. C. R. main line from Chicago to Buffalo passes through the town. Every one of these lines give excellent service to Welland, and provide sidings, spur lines, warehouses and shipping utensils for the local shippers. Besides the railroads, there is shipping on the Welland Canal. The river and Welland Canal feeder are also navigable and frequently used for district traffic.





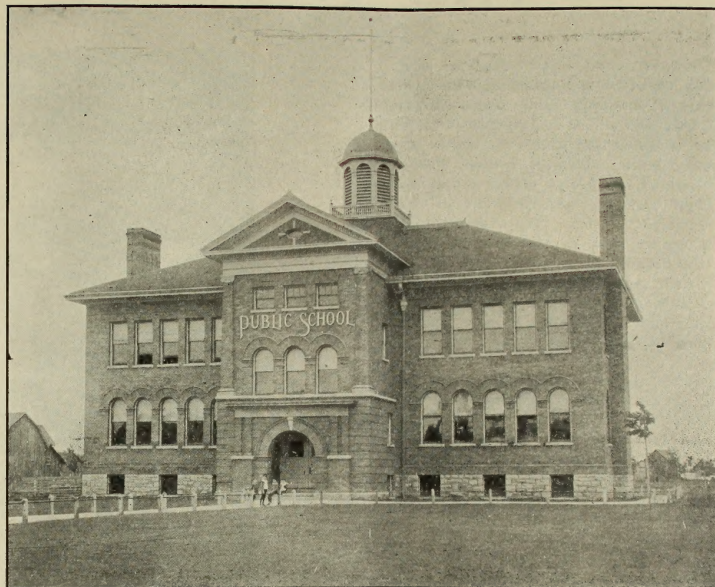
Power for factories can be secured in several ways. A raceway from the canal feeder on the western limits of the town gives power for several industries. The drop and drainage is on the bank of the river. Water power is also available direct from the canal, at the famous aqueduct. The presence of electric power in the near future is also guaranteed, for Niagara Falls, the source of the great power development, is but twelve miles distant, and power companies are already preparing to erect power lines to



NEW TOWN HALL

this town. There are also prospects of developing power from the Welland river by a canal to the crest of the mountain and a drop of 200 feet into the Jordan river.

Along the southern limits of the county is the great Welland natural gas fields, which are supplying millions of feet of gas to consumers all over the district and in the city of Buffalo. An ample supply is furnished Welland town, and nearly every house and building uses it for fuel. It is very cheap and one of the greatest of domestic conveniences. Many use it for power and lighting as well.



The waterworks, which is one of the best systems in Canada, is dealt with more fully on another page. The electric light system, with illustration of the power house, is mentioned elsewhere.

Good sewers is an essential advantage to any town of importance, and for good buildings. Welland is splendidly equipped. There are trunk sewers in every section of the town, and branches strike off in every direction, making a perfect network of lines which have a splendid fall and can be reached with but trifling expense from any of the business or desirable residential sections. The outlets are at six different points on the river, and cannot interfere in any possible way with the water supply or the general health of the town. In fact the good sewerage system of Welland makes it one of the healthiest towns in Canada.

### Some of the Buildings.

Of the many fine buildings the Court House and County Building is the most pretentious and substantial. The corner stone was laid July 6th, 1855, after the foundation for the building had been started in Port Robinson. It is a massive stone structure, three stories high, and with an imposing front. The material is all of cut stone, with the exception of the prison and the prison wall, which are of red quarry stone. The basement is at present used only for the furnaces and storage. The entrance to the first floor is up a broad stairway under a heavy portico supported by stone pillars. On that floor are the offices of W. W. Fitzgerald, County Judge and Local Master of High Court; Sheriff James Smith, County Treasurer C. B. Bennett, Mr. I. P. Willson, County Court Clerk and Registrar of the Surrogate



Court; Mr. T. D. Cowper, County Crown Attorney; Mr. R. Cooper, County Clerk; the county jailor's office and the Law Society's library. Above is the court room, the grand and petit jury rooms and the County License Inspector's office. In the rear are two wings of the jail. East of the Court House is the County Registry Office, a substantial and well equipped building. These buildings are surrounded by spacious and well kept lawns.



POST OFFICE

In 1899, while Mr. D. D. Hooker, a present member of the council, was mayor, it was decided to erect a new town hall. The consent of the ratepayers was given, and the following year the building was erected. J. R. McCollum, one of Welland's wealthiest citizens, who was mayor in 1900, personally looked after the town's interests in the erection of the building, and the making of the macadam roads and permanent walks, which were laid at the same time.

Early in 1901 the new town hall was opened. It is an attractive three story brick and stone building, and a credit to both the architect and the town. The basement is principally for the use of the market officers, and the public. The first floor contains the public library, and the offices of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Upstairs is a large council chamber, and the meeting rooms of the Welland Fire Company. A large town bell swings in the tower, and connected with it is an automatic electric fire alarm system.



The new public school was built in 1900, and opened with fitting ceremonies on New Year's day, 1901. It is one of the finest eight-roomed school buildings in America. It is two stories high, with a basement for play rooms, etc. The whole building is thoroughly equipped, and every detail for the comfort, health and convenience of the children and teachers has received attention in the planning, construction and finishing. There are six teachers on the regular staff. Recently a kindergarten class has been added to the school,

which is becoming quite popular with both parents and children.

The High School was erected in 1878. It is a very commodious three story building on the western limits of the town. There are four class rooms and several special departments. The attendance at the school is large, pupils being attracted by the splendid educational facilities from all parts of the county. There is an excellent staff of teachers, and their efforts are most successful. First class and university work is taken up in the higher grades, and

each year many graduates are turned out.

Three smaller schools are situated in different parts of the town, but are not now in use, being formerly used as ward schools before the Central School was erected.

Among the other attractive public buildings are the post office block, the Imperial Bank block, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, the Orient block, in which is the opera house, and many large mercantile establishments.

## A Bit of Welland's History.

The origin of Welland dates back to 1788, when a few "United Empire Loyalists" took up homes on the banks of the river at this point. It was mere farm land and practically a wilderness for many years, although the population did grow a little. It was not, however, until 1829, when the first aqueduct was built, that any importance was attached to the place. At that time quite a number of houses and business places were erected, and the little settlement

17th of the same year, the first municipal election was held, resulting in the return of the late Daniel McCaw as the first reeve. Mr. E. R. Hellesms was made village clerk, which



WELLAND HIGH SCHOOL

was known as "The Aqueduct," until 1842, when the government began the enlargement of the canal. It's name was at that time changed to "Merrittsville," in honor of the late William Hamilton Merritt. The progress of Merrittsville was comparatively slow until the separation of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, when the village, after a hard struggle with rival places, became the county town. The erection of the county buildings, which began in 1855, was the beginning of the prosperity which has never departed. On July 24th, 1858, an Act of Parliament assented to the corporation of the Village of Welland. On September



RESIDENCE OF MR. L. H. PURSELL

position he still holds. In 1877 Welland was made a town, and though its population has not increased greatly since, the town has prospered and made astonishing improvements. Never has the town been more progressive than it is at the present time, and never before have prospects of the future been so bright.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. W. T. SAWLE

## Some of Welland's Industries.

Situated as it is, in the centre of a wealthy fruit and farm district, Welland is naturally a farm town, drawing much farm trade, and depending on that for its regular source of business. Welland's industries are not extensive, although they include a varied line. Apart from Messrs. Beatty's big iron works, the Frost Fence Works and the three flour mills, the manufacturing is principally for local and district trade. The lesser concerns include, a boiler works, a foundry, two machine shops, a saw mill, a planing mill and sash and door factory, four lumber merchants, a brick yard for the manufacture of brick and drain tile,



COURT HOUSE

three coal dealers, two large printing offices, and an acetylene gas machine factory. These give employment to a large number of mechanics and tradesmen. Besides there are six good hotels and between 70 and 80 stores and shops. Being the county town, there are an unusually large number of officials and professional men.

Another industry which has been promised Welland is a branch ship-yards of the Bertram Company, of Toronto. This company have several boats to build for the upper lakes, and have to build the boats above the Welland canal locks, as they will be too large to pass through the canal. The company favors Welland as a location, and will probably locate on the east side of the canal just north of the M. C. R. bridge. Thus the industrial future of Welland looks very promising indeed.



# THE ROSS COMPANY.

One of the Finest Dry Goods and Clothing Establishments in the Niagara Peninsula.

One of the most imposing business facades within the confines of Welland, or the county for that matter, and which, from its commanding location, naturally attracts attention from either side of the canal, is the two story brick building of the Ross Company, of which Mr. David Ross is the chief executive. It stands on the corner of East

ment, intersected by a shelf partition separating the dry goods from that of the clothing department, affording some 4000 square feet of floor surface, for mercantile purposes. Midway of the premises, is a convenient cashier's desk, from which radiates a carrier system penetrating all parts of the establishment. A commodious general office



Main and Muir Streets, and within which is conducted one of the largest and best stocked dry goods and clothing emporiums to be found in the county, and which would do justice to the business section of a metropolitan centre of much larger proportions than that of Welland. The main floor and front has recently undergone remodelling, by which the premises practically comprise one large apart-

ment, intersected by a shelf partition separating the dry goods from that of the clothing department, affording some 4000 square feet of floor surface, for mercantile purposes. Midway of the premises, is a convenient cashier's desk, from which radiates a carrier system penetrating all parts of the establishment. A commodious general office

furnishing novelties, so interesting to the men and boys. The display thus presented externally, conveys but a meagre idea as to the character of or quality of the goods in bulk to be found within. The dry and fancy goods department, which is to the left of the street entrance, is a mecca for the ladies. Herein, in tempting array, may be found dress patterns in variety, imported and domestic, products of the loom and factory in cottons, woollens, muslins, cashmeres, and other textures all of the latest shades and designs, including the famous Priestley dress goods, which have a world wide reputation, having no equal in black goods, and for which the Ross Co. are the exclusive agents in Welland; as also the Standard patterns, the simplest and most easily understood pattern made. Beside this the Ross Co. have always on sale, "The Design," the monthly publication of the Standard Company. Then again there are silk and satin dress fabrics galore, each tidily ensconced within their allotted apartments easily accessible for the inspection of patrons, while dress linings, trimmings, hosiery, gloves, ladies' and children's underwear of seasonable grades, small wares, novelties and notions of all description, each having a place, mainly to the left. Included in the dry goods department are skirts, wrappers, shirt waists, etc. Right off the main entrance, divided by the semi-partition alluded to, is the ready to wear clothing and men's furnishing emporium, with tables filled with stock so arranged as to afford ample space for inspection, the clothing thus displayed being of the latest styles of men's and youths' under and over garments of all sizes, and in various textures, while hats, caps, gloves and furnishings of every character are also to be found herein, the entire stock in this, as in the dry goods department, being complete in every respect. Over the rear of the dry goods store accessible by a short and easy staircase, is a department devoted exclusively to the display and sale of ladies' tailor made garments of the latest patterns, while just beyond, but separated, is an apartment devoted to the sale of carpetings of various grades, oil cloths, and linoleums, together with lace curtains, window shades, portierres, and small ware upholsteries. As a whole the Ross Company who have been located in business in Welland for upward of a quarter of a century. have just cause for pride in an establishment that would be considered creditable to a dry goods prince. Mr. Ross is, and always has been, an active participant in all that pertains to the welfare of Welland. He has been a member of the town council, at one time and another for twenty-five years, and is a member of the present board. He was mayor in 1888, '89 and '90, and a member of the County Council for one year, a member of the Public School Board for eight years, and treasurer of the Fire Department for over quarter of a century.

## R. Moore & Son, Agricultural Implements.

The thrifty Canadian farmer is not slow to appreciate and adopt labor saving farm machinery, and engaged in demonstrating the necessity of this, to the farmers residing in the vicinity of Welland, are Messrs. R. Moore & Son, whose agricultural implement and carriage warehouse is on West Main Street, bordering the canal. The firm need no eulogium, for both are well known as business individuals of strict integrity, alive to the interests of their patrons. The senior was for many years engaged in the flour and feed business, relinquishing that for his present avocation, in connection with his son some six years since. The firm occupy a two story building, 24x80, the lower story being devoted to the sale of farm machinery and implements, the product of the Frost & Wood Co., comprising mowers, reapers and harvesting machinery of all kinds, plows, horse rakes, cultivators and farm machine sundries; the upper story being given over to the display



of light carriages and road wagons, single and double, with or without rubber tires, the product of such well known firms as E. W. Heaney, of Montreal; McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa; Tudhope Co., of Orillia, and Campbell & Son, of London, Ont. They are the exclusive representatives in this section, of the new Chatham giant arm farm wagon, than which there is no better made; as also of the Sharples cream separator, which for simplicity, durability and compactness, have no superior. Adjoining the main building is another, 30x50, which is utilized for storage purposes. As a whole, Messrs. Moore & Son are one of the largest dealers in agricultural implements, carriages and farmers' sundries in this section.

## Frank Rounds, Planing Mill.

Located on North Main Street, just north of the Welland river bridge, is the office, yard and planing mill of Mr. Frank Rounds, who has successfully conducted the business for upwards of twenty years. Mr. Rounds deals in lumber of all kinds, dressed and undressed, also ship tim-



ber. His yard has facilities for the storage of a large amount of timber, his business in this line embracing not only Welland and county, but extends to all parts of the Dominion, and even to the States. He also deals in builder's material of all description. The planing mill is a large two-story structure, operated by a 50 h.p. engine, and is equipped with modern machinery, and has a capacity for the cutting of a million and a half feet of lumber during the season. Custom planing is a specialty. He furnishes employment to a dozen or fifteen hands.

## D. D. Hooker & Co., Bricks and Tile.

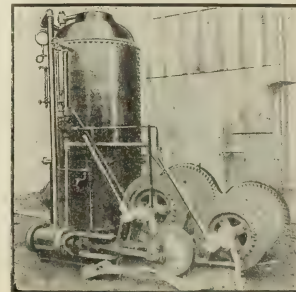
Located at the foot of Fraser Street, in Welland, is the brick yard of Messrs. D. D. Hooker & Co., which was founded by Mr. Hooker's father, the late T. D. Hooker, in 1855, and which, since the decease of the latter, in 1893, has been conducted by Messrs. D. D. Hooker & Co. The plant comprises some nine acres of rich clay land, upon which is located two brick kilns, and a drain tile kiln, for the firm manufacture both. There are a dozen drying racks, each of a capacity of from eight to ten thousand bricks, the annual output of which is about 1,000,000 of brick, and 100,000 drain tile, of from two to six inches in diameter and a dozen inches in length, the latter being in demand by farmers and others for drainage purposes, and the call for which is continually on the increase. The manufacturing plant is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and other facilities, including a mixer, sanding, compressing and moulding machines, for both brick and drain tile. It is

operated by a 15 h.p. engine, and employment is given to from twelve to fifteen hands. About five hundred cords of wood are required in a season. While pretty much all of the brick used for building purposes in Welland, including those utilized for the building of the town hall and many of the fine residences, are the product of this plant, yet many are shipped to other parts of the county, and even outside. The drain tile is used mostly by the farmers in and about Welland. Mr. Hooker, aside from being a successful business man, is alive and progressive as to the development of Welland's prosperity, and is a member of the present town council, besides having been a member of the same for several years prior thereto. He was Mayor of Welland in 1898-9, and for several years was a member of the Public School Board.

## Robertson Bros., Machine Shop.

One of the finest equipped machine shops in this section is that of the Robertson Bros., located on Aqueduct Street, on the west bank of the canal, and which has been in existence under its present management for nearly a quarter of a century, though it has been improved upon from time to

time until at present no finer plant for the equipping of contractor's plants, or the manufacture of machinist's tools of all description exists. In addition thereto, the Messrs. Robertson manufacture hot air furnaces for heating purposes, and are prepared to manufacture castings for mill or railroad purposes, as also to do mill or general machine repairing of

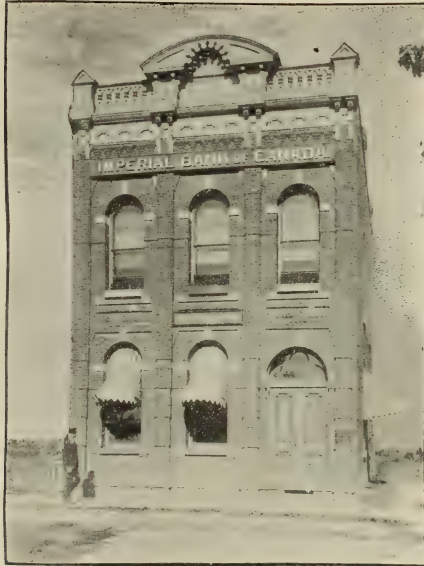


all kind at short notice, and in a satisfactory manner, both as regards workmanship and price. The plant comprises a two-story building, 55x35, the lower story being fitted up as a machine shop, and equipped with all the necessary machinery and tools of modern type, the upper story being used as a pattern shop. Adjoining the machine shop is a well equipped foundry building, 60x35. Operating power is furnished by a 15 h. p. engine, and employment given to from 15 to 20 hands, and altogether it is a potent factor in the industrial enterprises of Welland.



## Imperial Bank of Canada.

One of the first requisites, and an unfailing barometer of the thrift and prosperity of a community, is a sound financial institution like that of the Imperial Bank of Canada, a branch of which is and has been established in Welland for quarter of a century, and at present owning and occupying a substantial brick building on Muir Street, and of which Mr. G. C. Brown is and has been resident manager for the past four years, to the eminent satisfaction of its officials and the citizens of Welland and its contiguity who



have business transactions therewith. The Imperial Bank of Canada was incorporated in 1875, its present capital being \$2,500,000, with a rest of \$1,850,000, and deposits amounting to \$15,515,000, and a total immediately available assets of \$9,545,000, its head office being at Toronto, Ont., with four branches in that city, and sixteen others in the principal business centres of Ontario, one in Quebec, three in Manitoba, four in the Northwest Territories, and four in British Columbia; with agents and correspondents in

Great Britain, France and Germany; twenty in the United States, including New York City, Buffalo, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Philadelphia, Boston, Mass.; Detroit, Mich.; Duluth, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minn.; San Francisco, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Sandwich Islands and South Africa. Its officials are well known individuals of national reputation in the financial world, comprising Thos. K. Merritt, as president; D. R. Wilkie, vice president and general manager; these with Messrs. Wm. Ramsay, Robert Jaffray, T. Sutherland Stayner, Elias Rogers and Wm. Hendrie, constituting its directorate, with Mr. E. Hay as inspector. The institution does a general banking business, receiving deposits subject to checks, making loans on substantial collateral; special attention being given to collections, and a savings bank department is in connection interest being allowed on deposits at current rates. Drafts and letters of credit are also issued, available in all parts of the world. The public can feel assured that prompt and careful attention will be given to all business entrusted to the Bank and its management.

## Dr. H. Weller, Dentist.

If patience, proficiency and a careful attention to the intricacies of a successful dental operation, are the prerequisites of a competent operator, then Dr. H. Weller, whose dental parlors are located over the post office, on Muir street, is entitled to that distinction. To begin with, the doctor's apartments are of an inviting nature, from the delightfully cheery reception room to the comfortable chairs in the apartments on either side thereof. Not only this, but the patient is at once placed at ease by the genial doctor's assurances, for modern dental science has eliminated the terrors attendant upon a dental operation. Then again the quarter of a century's practice to say nothing of a thorough course of instructions at the Toronto Dental College, and a continual adherence to modern dentistry, has placed Dr. Weller in the foremost ranks of his profession, and it goes without saying that there is no operation in operative or mechanical dentistry that the doctor is not familiar with, including crown and bridge work, or the manufacture and insertion of artificial teeth. He is supplied with all the modern appliances for the successful accomplishment of satisfactory results. Moreover, the necessity of preserving the natural teeth and gums, to say nothing of clean and wholesome resperative organs, is of the utmost importance, and, if upon the first appearance of decayed teeth or diseased gums, the patient were to consult some reputable dentist like Dr. Weller, much vexatious trouble and expense might be avoided.

## The Welland Telegraph.

The Welland Telegraph, now in its thirty-ninth year, was the first newspaper published in Welland town. It was started in 1863, in the interests of the Conservative party,



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and from that date until the present it has been the organ of that party in Welland County. During the nearly two score years of its existence it has had a varied career and seen many changes, but altogether it has made a steady advancement. During the latter few years the Telegraph has grown splendidly in popularity, and a much increased business patronage is the result. The present publishers of the Telegraph are Messrs Frank H. Sears and G. R. T. Sawle.

They have been affiliated with the Telegraph for many years, and are now succeeding to the business that was held by their respective fathers before them. To-day the Telegraph is recognized by newspaper men all over the province to be the greatest county weekly published in Canada. Its news facilities are remarkable, and elicit much praise as well as a satisfactory patronage. The plant of the Welland Telegraph is the best equipped outside the larger cities. It contains modern machines and presses, and all the very newest series of fancy and body types, borders, rubs, etc. Messrs. Sears & Sawle are hustlers after business and nothing in the printing lines is too big or too small for them to tackle. They are good printers. Their enterprise combined with their equipment, makes a combination of united facilities which enables them to turn out the very best work and have it right. They believe in doing things right. Both big things and little things. They work on the principle that a good job is a good ad. for themselves, and advertising is the foundation of their business. They are disciples of advertising, and in realizing the good results it brings, they can conscientiously preach it to others. This printing shop is replete with modern ideas, both in printing and proper advertising. These ideas are collected for the benefit of the patrons of the Telegraph, and the effort of every member of the staff is to make every dollar spent in the Telegraph worth its while to the man who spends it.



FRANK H. SEARS

## E. P. Robins, Books and Stationery.

According to the juvenile's theory, in response to a school teacher's query, "readin', writin' an' 'rithmetic," were the three fundamental principles of education. Other than the elementary instruction, these same practical principles can, in a measure, be evoked from the establishment of Mr. E. P. Robins, located in the Opera House block, East Main Street, and which is in succession to Mr. O. H. Garner, who relinquished his interest therein to Mr. Robins something over four years ago. Mr. Robins can supply not only the necessary text books and school supplies, but the reading and writing materials, as well as stationery of all kinds, including pads and writing tablets. To properly describe the store would be a duplication of Vanity Fair itself, for Mr. Robins not only deals in bound educational chunks, such as text books, but other literature of perhaps a more pleasing variety, including the latest novels and bound historical and biographical works, together with all the leading periodicals and magazines, weekly and monthly. In addition thereto Mr. Robins deals in musical merchandise, and musical text books and compositions, also toys, art novelties and bric-a-brac galore, beside a hundred and one other equally as useful articles and as pleasing to patrons. To top off with, Mr. Robins carries as fine and varied a line of wall papers as can be found anywhere in this section. In fact, there is not a person of any age, or of either sex, but that would feel a pang of pleasure in dropping a little spare change in this modern Vanity Fair, and feel well repaid otherwise, at an inspection of the premises.

## J. E. Cutler, Builder and Contractor.

The building of air castles is neither profitable or substantial, but not so with the design and finish of a modern residential or business structure. The latter requires not only close business application, but years of experience, and this has been the basis of the success of Mr. J. E. Cutler, who is not only a contractor and builder of eminent qualifications, but if required, is prepared to draw plans and specifications for any structure that may be desired, and to superintend the construction thereof, from cellar to garret, as is evidenced by the numerous residences built by him in Welland and its contiguity, including the interior finish of Welland's handsome town hall, the Industrial Home and other equally as fine work. Mr. Cutler, in addition to being a builder, is also the proprietor of the Welland planing mill, the office and factory being located on North Main Street, between West Main Street and the river

bridge, which he has successfully operated for the past sixteen years. Aside from a modern two-story office building, the mill is a two-story structure, the main floor of which is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery, and the necessary paraphernalia in connection therewith, for the manufacture of builder's finish of every description, including moulding, sheathing, mantle and stair work, while the upper story is given over to the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, the mill being operated by a 30 h.p. engine and boiler, employment being given during the season to a dozen or more hands. Mr. Cutler, aside from manufacturing and dealing in builder's finish of all description, also handles all kinds of hardwood and pine lumber, plain and fancy window and door glass and is also interested in the manufacture and sale of several planing mill novelties, including the Perfection clothes reel, patent roller sash lifters, and folding wash stands. Then again if a building needs repairing in any essential, Mr. Cutler can do it in the shortest possible time, at the least expense compatible with finished workmanship. Mr. Cutler is one of Welland's most active and enterprising residents, and has been a member of the town council, and is at present a member of the High School Board.

## Goodwin & Ross.

Messrs. Goodwin & Ross are practically new comers to Welland, yet in the four years of their business career they have gained a prestige which is greater than many of the



JOHN GOODWIN

old established places. Messrs. John Goodwin and Wm. Ross went into partnership and opened up an exclusively

men's clothing and furnishing business here in March, 1900. Mr. Goodwin came from Toronto, and Mr. Ross from Niagara Falls. Both had had city experience in their particular line, and they have successfully adopted modern ideas and tactics into their business here. They started with a fair sized and well assorted stock of ready-to-wear clothing and men's furnishings. The first year's business was large and satisfactory. Last year's was better, and at the present time their stock is three times as large as it was the first year, and the trade has easily doubled. These handsome results have been brought about by thorough newspaper advertising and honest methods with the



WILLIAM ROSS

public. It is a house built on a foundation of the belief in small profits and a volume of business. All goods are cash and one price to everyone. The motto itself is a winner. "Up to date goods for wide awake people," has attracted attention and drawn trade which style, quality and price has maintained. Fashionable clothing combined with durability has made pleased and dressy men of the store's many customers. Several popular and exclusive lines are controlled by Messrs. Goodwin & Ross, any one of which offer splendid selections. For original and dressy ideas in men's apparel, Messrs. Goodwin & Ross take first place among all the clothing establishments in the county. This trim and busy store, with its ever increasing custom, and its reputation for fair prices and reliability, should be a pride to Wellanders, and particularly to the young and enterprising proprietors. It is the home of new ideas and honest values.



## Welland's Water Works.

Welland has one of the best water works systems in the Niagara District, and in fact in Southern Ontario for that matter. The plant was installed in 1888, the pumping station being located in a brick building on the south bank of the Welland river, just beyond the High School on West Main Street. Water is taken from the Welland Canal, and passes through a gravity filter prior to its induction to the street mains. The plant is equipped with two duplex Kennedy pumps, with a total capacity of two and a half million gallons of water daily, the average consumption being about 500,000 gallons per diem. Operating power was originally furnished by water, but in 1897, an auxiliary wing was attached to the main structure, and an 80

works, which are of sufficient capacity for the needs of the town for a long time to come.

## D. McCaw & Son, Boots and Shoes.

It is alleged that man's fastidiousness, and it might be said woman's taste, too, is indicated by the shoes they wear, and such being the case it is well for those seeking footwear of any character, to patronize those who deal somewhat exclusively therein, like unto Messrs. D. McCaw & Son, whose boot and shoe emporium is located on the corner of Cross and East Main streets, directly opposite the Court House, and who have most successfully catered for public patronage for many years. Everything in the line of footwear for both sexes, and of all ages, from a slipper to lumberman's boots, can be found herein,—the "King" quality shoe for ladies or men, and the "Sovereign" shoe for men, being specialties. The establishment is devoted exclusively to the sale of footwear, and its kindred,

nearly 92 years. He was the first Deputy Reeve of Welland, and for a number of years was a member of the Town Council and Public School Board. For years he was one of the leading public spirits of the town. His son, Mr. John McCaw, has been a member of the Town Council for two terms, and a member of the Public School Board for eighteen years.

## Welland Electric Light Plant.

In these days of modern improvement, no community is considered up-to-date that is not equipped with an electric light plant, and in this respect Welland is efficiently provided for. The inception and installation of this plant in 1887 was due to the enterprise of Mr. C. J. Page, who for a number of years was one of Welland's most successful hardware merchants, who has been alive to the interests of the town. The plant is located on West Main street, and at first the arc system of street lighting was introduced, by the installation of two dynamos, of 75 light power each,



WATERWORKS PUMPING STATION

h.p. engine and two boilers installed. The steam power is used as an assistance to the water power during the periods of low water in the winter and summer months. The steam power is sufficient to run the whole works if occasion demands it. Some seven miles of from six to eight inch street mains have been laid in the town, and at present there are 440 services, with 28 fire hydrants scattered in convenient localities about the town, the latter with an average pressure of 80 pounds to the square inch, which can be readily increased to 120 in case of fire or other emergency. Mr. E. D. Hooker is the superintendent of the



which includes, boots, shoes, rubbers, overshoes and rubber boots, as also findings and polishes of various makes and grades. As a general footwear store it has always borne the best of reputations for quality and price, the latter being a special consideration to the economical; the quotations being reasonable, and the same to all. The founder of the business, and the senior member of the firm, until a few weeks ago when he passed away, was Daniel McCaw. He died on May 28th, 1902, at the ripe old age of



ELECTRIC LIGHT STATION.

the plant being operated by water power. In 1890, an alternating system of arc and incandescent lighting was introduced, and in 1895, a modern two story brick house 30x42 was erected, as an auxiliary, operating power being still furnished by water, with a 75 h. p. engine located in the new building as supplementary thereto, and a 650 light dynamo substituted for those formerly in use, which, with a modern switch board and other improvements, constitutes one of the best electric light plants on the peninsula, and which is capable of indefinite extension. Since the introduction about five miles of wire has been strung, 150 poles erected, and most of the public, as well as many private dwellings wired and lighted, in addition to some eighteen street lights.

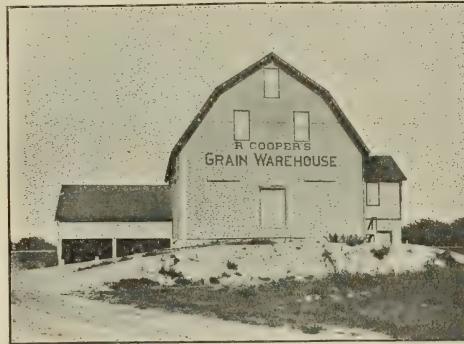
## R. Cooper, Riverside Mills.

One of the most enterprising and progressive of Welland's wide awake citizens is Mr. Robert Cooper, who has not only built up a most successful flour, grain and farm seed trade, in Welland and its contiguity, but in connection with Welland's progressive constituency, has been instrumental in the advancement of the town's interests in many ways. Mr. Cooper's business career covers a period of something over fifteen years, his place of business being located on East Main Street, near the east bank of the canal, and which is practically the headquarters of a large retail trade in flour, meal, buckwheat, mill feed of all kinds, and farm and garden seed of every description. In connection therewith Mr. Cooper has a three story ware-



house 45x50, located parallel with the G.T.R. tracks, which has a storage capacity of some 20,000 bushels of grain, and within which is a feed chopper of a capacity of 30 bushels per hour, and which is operated by an 8 h.p. gas engine. Within the past year Mr. Cooper has erected a three story brick building with monitor top, 84x38, which is located upon the east side of the canal near the lower end of East Main Street, for milling purposes. Without exception this structure is one of the largest, most substantial and modern equipped flour and feed mills in Welland county, it being classified as a one hundred barrel mill, this being exclusive of other products. This mill has been installed with the best and most modern machinery and fixtures, comprising five double sets of 9x24 rolls, three gyrator bolting machines, two double sets of buck-

wheat rolls, an emery feed chopper of twenty bags per hour capacity, a patent improved corn cob grinder of 75 bushels per hour capacity, an improved corn sheller by which the corn for meal is quickly separated from the cob, and a clover seed cleanser. Mr. Cooper handles large quantities of the latter. The basement of this building is occupied by operating machinery, the mill being run by water of a 100 h.p. capacity. Upon the first floor are the rolls and flour packers, the second floor being utilized for the purifiers and bran and shorts dusters, and the upper



floor by gyrators, cleansing machines and dust collectors. The storage capacity of the building is about 30,000 bushels of grain besides several hundred bags of flour. In addition to milling, Mr. Cooper deals in horses, and has purchased many which have been shipped to South Africa. He has been a member of the town council at one time and another for several years, was a Deputy Reeve and member of the County Council for a year, and has been County Clerk since June, 1891.

## W. G. Somerville, Agricultural Hall.

Located on North Main Street, between West Main and the river bridge, is the agricultural implement warehouse of Mr. W. G. Somerville, who has successfully conducted the same for nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Somerville occupies a three story building, 50x70, including basement, the latter being for storage, the main floor for farm machinery and machine sundries, together with a commodious office, and an apartment for the sale of the Newcombe piano and Dominion organ, this latter being in

charge of his son. The upper floor is for the display and sale of light carriages and farm wagons. Mr. Somerville is the accredited representative in this section for the Massey, Harris Co.'s farm machinery, comprising binders, rakes, drills, cultivators, disc harrows, etc., in addition to which he is the agent for the Sawyer-Massey Co.'s threshing, road machinery and rock crushers and engines. Mr. Somerville also represents the Canada Carriage Co., of Brockville, and the Wm. Gray & Sons, of Chatham, manufacturers of light single and double carriages of all kinds, open or closed, rubber tired and otherwise; as also a superior line of sleighs, at prices that are compatible with the style and workmanship of the article desired. In farm wagons he deals in the Bain, of Woodstock, and the Adams Wagon Co., of Brantford, all of which are well known for durability and service. He also deals in the celebrated Verity Plow Co.'s plows, steel rollers and scufflers, as also the Wilkinson plows, steel rollers and scrapers, and represents the Battle Estate in the sale of cement, and the best American Ohio sewer pipe. Mr. Somerville is one of Welland's progressive citizens, and when a member of the town council, and chairman of the market committee, was the prime mover in securing the new town hall, which is one of the finest structures of its character to be found in any town the size of Welland.

## C. B. Bennett, County Treasurer.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. C. B. Bennett, at present treasurer of the County of Welland, is and has been a resident of Port Robinson, township of Thorold, where



for nearly a third of a century he has most successfully catered to public patronage as a general storekeeper. The contents of the store being such as is usually to be found in an establishment of this character, comprising groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, crockery and glassware, and general merchandise. Mr. Bennett has been post master of Port Robinson since 1897, and was Reeve of the township of Thorold in 1891-2-3 and 4. He was elected Warden of the County of Welland in 1893, and was chosen County Commissioner in 1899, and in 1900 was appointed county treasurer.



## M. BEATTY & SONS, FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOPS.

One of the principal, in fact the leading industry of Welland, and which has been a potent factor in the town's business development, is that of Messrs. M. Beatty & Sons' foundry and machine shop. This is not only from the fact that it furnishes employment to from sixty to a hundred skilled mechanics, but that its products permeates every section of the Dominion, and even to Newfoundland. The plant is located on North Main Street, north of the Wel-

land river and embraces something like an acre of ground, extending from North Main Street to Seely Street. This very prosperous enterprise was founded in 1862, by the late Matthew Beatty. It primarily was but a small affair as compared with that of the present, its manufacturing capacity being confined to very limited quarters. With characteristic perseverance, combined with his indomitable will and the assistance of his son, Mr. W. L. Beatty, who

shortly after its installation, became associated in the enterprise, the business increased to such an extent as to require additional facilities, culminating in the present plant, which has been constantly enlarged and improved, until at present it is one of the best equipped plants of its character in the Dominion. Some years since Messrs. H. L. and A. O. Beatty, sons of the founder, were admitted to membership in the firm, the senior continuing in active association

lower floor for offices, and a designing room overhead, adjoining which, and connected therewith, is a two-story structure, 45x100, the lower story being utilized as a machine shop, and the floor above for wood working and general purposes. Connected with the machine shop, and separated therefrom by a department for the storage of castings, is a one-story foundry building, 45x100. Across an area or driveway, the end fronting on North Main Street, is a two-story structure, 30x60, utilized for storage and a paint shop. Just beyond is a blacksmith shop, 30x40, together with a pattern house, 40x50, and on the opposite side of Seely Street is another building, 35x40, devoted to general utility purposes. Further east, and bordering the canal is a new building, 25x40, with a wing, 25x30, devoted to the manufacture of boilers and steel dredge hulls. All of the several departments are thoroughly fitted with all



CUT OF M. BEATTY & SONS' FOUNDRY, TAKEN IN 1892.



RESIDENCE OF MR. W. L. BEATTY.

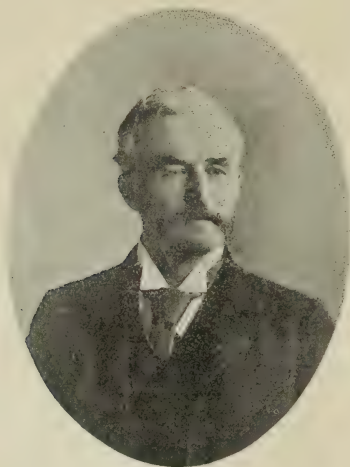
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therewith for a time, and then retired from active service. The firm are manufacturers of contractor's plants, with every essential connected therewith, such as steam dredges, derricks, and shovels, also hoisting engines, horse power hoisters, sub-marine rock drilling machinery, suspension cable ways, centrifugal pumps, for water, sand and gold mining, and other contractor's machinery. The plant comprises a modern two-story office building, 20x30, the

the latest and most improved machinery and tools for the manufacture and repair of contractor's machinery, the machine shop being equipped with lathes, planers, drills, shapers, keyseaters, etc., while the foundry contains a large crane of several tons lifting power, and the blacksmith shop a steam hammer. Motive power is furnished by a 25 h.p. steam engine, which operates the steam hammer in the smith's shop as well. It also supplies steam for heating the various shops and office.

## Hon. Richard Harcourt, M.P.P.

Hon. Richard Harcourt, M.A., K.C., was born in the Township of Seneca, in the County of Haldimand, March 17th, 1849. His father, the late Michael Harcourt, represented that county in the Canadian Parliament for two terms. Upon leaving the public school, in the village of York, he studied for a time at the Cayuga High School. Subsequently he was principal first of the same Public, and later of the same High School. He was carefully prepared for the university by the Rev. B. C. Hill, who was a gradu-

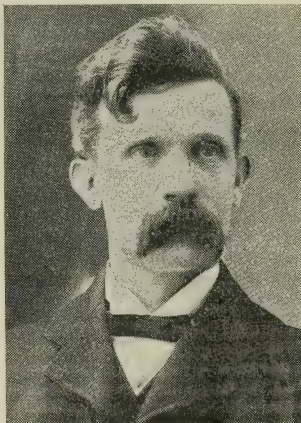


ate of Trinity College, Dublin. At the university he won prizes year by year, and upon graduating he was awarded a medal in Metaphysics and Ethics. Upon resigning the principalship of the Cayuga High School, he was appointed Inspector of Public Schools of his native county. Afterwards he studied law at Toronto and was called to the Bar in 1876. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1890. He has practised law in Welland for more than twenty years, and is the senior member of the firm of Harcourt, Cowper & Maccoomb. He is a Liberal in politics, and was first elected to the Legislature in 1878, for the electoral district of Monck. He has represented that constituency continuously ever since. He became a member of the Mowat Administration in September, 1890, and filled the position of Pro-

vincial Treasurer until 1899, when he was appointed to his present office, viz., that of Minister of Education. He has been for some time a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, and a trustee of Upper Canada College. At all times he has done everything in his power to advance the interests of Welland.

## J. F. Gross, M.P.P.

Mr. John F. Gross, the subject of this sketch, and present member of the Ontario Legislature from this district, was born in the township of Hay, Huron County, Ont., July 19, 1859, but has been a resident of Welland since childhood. Mr. Gross is practically a self made man, having obtained an elementary and advanced courses in the public schools, at such intervals as could best be devoted to that laudable purpose, while maintaining himself. Mr. Gross is



a graduate of Osgoode Hall, and was admitted to the Bar in 1897, at once establishing practice in Welland, with offices on East Main Street, opposite the Court House. Mr. Gross was elected a member of the Ontario Legislature on Dec. 13, 1900, and re-elected in May 29th, 1902, and though a Liberal in politics, has always exercised a broad and progressive policy in all affairs of state, and as a citizen of Welland, is alive to every interest pertaining to the town's welfare.

## W. M. German, M.P.

William Manley German, than whom no citizen of Welland is held in more popular esteem, was born in the township of Hilliar, Prince Edward Co., May 26, 1851. Mr. German obtained an elementary education in the public schools of his home district, supplemented by an advanced course in Victoria College, Cobourg. He was admitted to the bar in 1882, and became a barrister a year later. He entered practice in Welland in 1882, and is at present senior member of the law firm of German & Pettit, with offices in the Arlington Hotel building, on East Main Street. Mr. German was elected Deputy Reeve for Welland for one year by acclamation. At the general election in



1891, he was elected a member of the House of Commons, but was unseated. At the succeeding election in 1894, he was elected a member of the Ontario Legislature, and re-elected at the following general election in 1898, resigning therefrom to contest Welland for a seat in the House of Commons in 1900, and in which he was successful. Personally, Mr. German is gifted with that rare faculty of magnetism, which redounds to his credit, and while affiliating with the Liberals politically, is endowed with a broad and progressive business spirit, that at once popularizes him with the masses. He has always evinced a lively interest in all that pertained to the advancement of the town's interests, and occupies a fine residence upon Division Street,—Welland's fashionable boulevard.

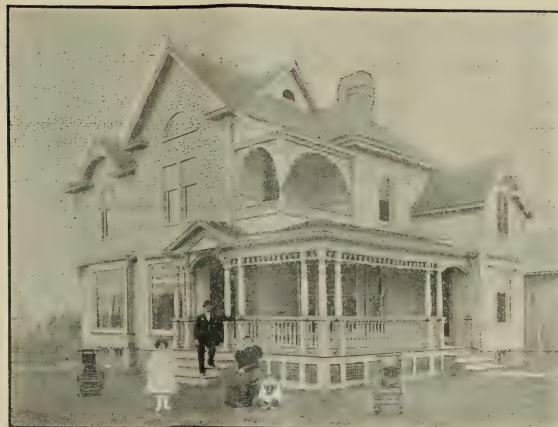




RESIDENCE OF DR. HOWELL.

### Dr. J. H. Howell.

While unwritten law prohibits the medical profession from public print notoriety, yet it is an established fact that no community is safeguarded from disease or epidemic except through the potency of knowledge attained through the researches of medical science. Sufficient to all intents and purposes, however, is the fact that Dr. J. Harrison Howell, physician and surgeon, whose office and residence is on the corner of Bald and Fraser Streets, Welland, was born in Pelham, January 20, 1861, obtaining an elementary education in the public schools, supplemented by an advanced course in the Fonthill and Welland High Schools. Entering the Toronto School of Medicine, he attained the honored achievement of obtaining a first scholarship in the third year, and retired therefrom with a faculty scholarship. He graduated from the Toronto University in 1885, and is a gold medalist thereof. With the exception of a limited period, Dr. Howell has been in practice in Welland since 1885. He is a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Niagara District Medical Society. Dr. Howell is of high social standing in the community, and is an advocate of every interest pertaining to the welfare of the town.



RESIDENCE OF MR. GEO. SUTHERLAND.

### Geo. W. Sutherland, Lumberman.

One of the most popular and enterprising citizens of Welland, who is a firm believer in a future for the town, is Mr. Geo. W. Sutherland, who occupies a palatial residence, on the corner of North Main and Elgin Streets, a cut of which appears herewith. Mr. Sutherland's principal business is that of lumbering, though for some years, during the season of navigation he has operated two boats on the Welland Canal. The base of his lumber operations is in the Ontario timber lands, and in former years he employed large crews of men and teams in securing logs therefrom, but of late he has confined active operations to the purchase of timber lots, and securing the product by contract. The timber thus obtained is driven by various waterways to American ports and disposed of to mill owners and others. An average cut is from three quarters to a million feet of logs. Mr. Sutherland is also interested in other enterprises, and is alive to anything which is of advantage to the town. He is a member of the town council and of the Masonic Fraternity.

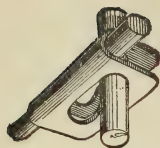
### J. S. O'Neal, Grocer,

The grocery and hardware merchant, who best profits by liberal patronage, is he who in the dispensation of such

commodities as are included under these heads, can keep in close touch with his patrons, as to their needs, for the average of mankind is of a discriminating nature, and any infringement in the quality or quantity of goods purchased, means loss of patronage and reputation, therefore Mr. James O'Neal, whose grocery and hardware establishment is located in the Opera House block, on East Main Street, has thus far succeeded in meeting the demands of his customers to a nicety. Mr. O'Neal entered the business world of Welland as a hustler and clerk, in the business which for the past twenty years, a portion of the time in company with another, and for the past two years alone, he has controlled, his patrons not being confined to the limits of Welland. In groceries he handles nothing but the best, and his customers, being aware of that fact, have aided him in securing others. To enumerate the various articles of staple and fancy groceries, would exhaust the grocer's lexicon, but suffice it to say that it includes all that would be considered serviceable in a well regulated household, together with a liberal supply of crockery ware. He also deals in shelf and builder's hardware, and hardware sundries in general, adaptable to the mechanics, farmers and artisans use, as also painter's supplies; in fact it is just what it purports to be,—a complete grocery and hardware establishment in every essential.

# THE FROST WIRE FENCE COMPANY

Remarkable Progress of one of Welland's Newest and Growing Industries.



Nearly every land owner throughout the settled parts of Canada, is fully aware that the enclosing of farm and other properties, by wire fencing, is more practical, beautifying economical and serviceable than any other known method, involving any or all of these essentials. These facts have become apparent in its adoption

by the leading railways of the continent, as well as municipalities and private individuals, who recognize the advantages derived by its use, and it has led to the creation of an industry by itself.

The Frost Wire Fence Co., of which Mr. M. H. Frost is President, Mr. A. R. Gilbert, Vice President, and Mr. H. L. Frost, Secretary, and whose plant in Welland is practically a new addition to Ontario's new industries, to which belongs the credit of producing wire fencing and steel framed wire gates, for which strength and durability, combined with lowness in cost, is superior to any other kind in the market. This being the result of many years of careful experiment in the perfection of machinery for the manufacture thereof, and for which they hold letters patent.

The members of the Frost Company are the originators of the genuine high carbon, coiled spring wire, which they use for lateral strands in their fence, this together with the heavy steel perpendicular wires bound to the horizontal wires by the Frost wedge-lock, has made the fencing manufactured by this Company so popular.

The Frost Wire Fence Co., of Welland, was established in Welland in 1898, a branch of the big Cleveland works, and was incorporated here in 1900.

Judging from the enquiries that had been received from Canada, prior to locating here, they felt quite confident that an enormous trade could be established for a good wire fence, and after careful investigation, they decided that they could not get a more suitable place to manufacture, than Welland.

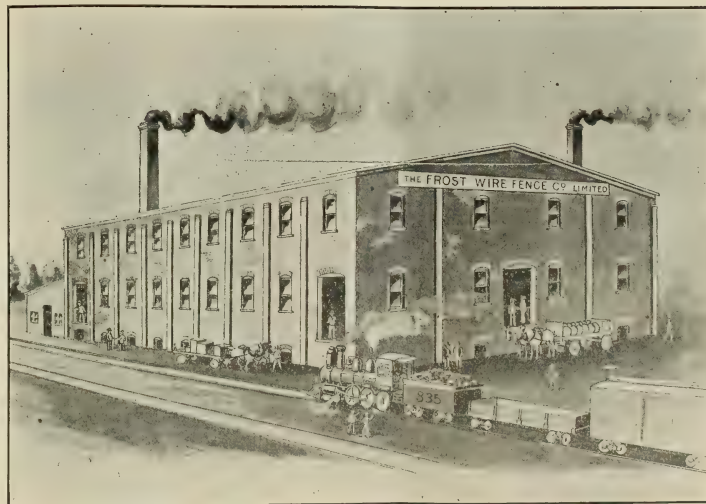
The company started business in an old church at the west end of the town, but after the first year, quarters became cramped. In 1901, the company had so outgrown its old building, that it became absolutely necessary to seek new quarters, and after a lengthy consideration, the large, new brick factory was built at the east end of the town, just north of the G. T. R. depot, and along the tracks of the Welland division of the G. T. and Wabash Railway.

The building is two stories, 60x80, with large store-room and basement. Their power is supplied by a 20 h. p. gas engine. On the main floor are various machines for making wire fences, and nearly all are produced from the ideas and patents of the members of the firm.

There is an automatic machine for making steel stay wires, which has a capacity of from 18,000 to 20,000 stays per day. Two heavy lock presses, which produce the

they have worked up an enormous business that has doubled its output every year. Last year the company sent out 750 miles of fence, and this year that number will be easily doubled.

About thirty hands are employed in the works, and during the busy season, the machinery is running night and day. The Frost fence is coming into favor, not only in America, but in England, and foreign countries as well.



wedge locks from Bessemer steel, which have a capacity of about 80,000 each per day. On the upper floor, are handsomely equipped general offices, and the gate making department. These gates are not only strong and durable, but handsome and easily operated. They have become popular all over the country, and have reached an enormous sale. From the short time the company have operated here,

This year the Welland Company has established connections in Australia, and made a shipment there. They also send their product to England, and other European countries.

Recently the C. P. R. Co. has adopted Frost fencing on several of their divisions, and that company alone will require enough fencing to keep the Welland factory busy.



## J. House, Jeweler and Optician.

In a casual inspection of Welland, one would hardly anticipate from external indications, the transformation that greets the visitor upon entering any one of the business establishments that line its principal thoroughfares. Particularly is this true of the jewelry



establishment of Mr. J. House, on East Main street, for though the window display is tempting enough, yet within there is an air of refinement pervading the premises which, with its highly polished show cases filled with brilliant novelties, emblematic of the jewelers' art, that reflect the myriad rays of jewelistic shelf settings, presents a scene bordering on entrancement. The goods thus displayed embody nearly everything known to the jewelers' business, including silver and plated ware, the best grades of watches, clocks and personal novelties, as well as guitars, banjos, mandolins, violins, and

musical merchandise in general. Then again Mr. House carries a large line of optical goods, and withal is a practical optician, being a graduate of the Toronto Ophthalmic Institute, thereby enabling him to at once determine by examination the proper artificial remedy required by those who are troubled with defective vision, and to adjust and mount glasses to fit individual cases, which is of essential importance to those troubled with impaired visionary organs. The repairing of fine watches, clocks and jewelry is another important feature; promptness and fine workmanship being the chief characteristic in this particular. Mr. House has conducted the business for the past four years, and the establishment is the leading jewelry and musical emporium of Welland.

## J. B. Taylor & Co, Grocers.

There is not an establishment in Welland that carries a finer stock of groceries, china and crockery ware, than that of Messrs. J. B. Taylor & Co., on West Main street, at the head of North Main street. Nor is there a store where patrons obtain more for their money, quality and quantity considered, prompter service or more courteous treatment, than they do at J. B. Taylor, & Co's. Mr.

Taylor entered business many years since, primitively, but by strict integrity he has developed a trade requiring increased facilities. Eleven years ago he moved from across the street into his present quarters, a three story brick building, the lower floor and basement of which is devoted to business purposes. The premises are up-to-date, and with the large plate glass fronts reflecting the character of the goods within, there being practically two departments combined in one, makes it one of the most attractive establishments of its character in town, and even in the county. The two apartments afford a combined floor surface of 3,000 square feet. That to the right is devoted to the sale of choice family and staple groceries, including high grade teas and coffees, flour, spices, bottled and canned goods and relishes, both domestic and imported fruits, nuts, confectionery, tobacco and cigars. In addition thereto Mr. Taylor deals in fish and oysters, smoked meats, and country produce, the latter purchased direct from the neighboring farmers; while his premises are equipped with a cold blast storage with a capacity for the care of two tons of butter and other products. Adjoining the grocery is a completely stocked crockery and glassware department, including the best of porcelain and earthenware, of the "Haviland," and other celebrated European makers, which Mr. Taylor imports direct, thereby saving middlemen's profits to his customers, these being singly and in sets, which, with the glass and lampware goods, forms a very essential household department. Connected with the main building is a three story warehouse, devoted to the storage of heavy groceries, wooden ware and surplus stock. The establishment is a credit alike to the business element of the town, and its enterprising proprietor.

## The Arlington Hotel.

The thriving town of Welland, the shire town of the county, and the centre of a picturesque region, which is the delight of the tourist, can boast of at least one hotel, "The Arlington," which is up-to-date in every respect, and which has long been the home of the commercial men and travelling public who frequent the town. The house is centrally located on East Main street, opposite the Court House, and easily accessible to the post office and business houses, and is conducted by Mr. Samuel Anger. Mr. Anger is not only a popular host, but is ever on the alert in seeking the comfort of his guests. The house, aside from a commodious office, plate glass front, and one of the best bars in Ontario, entirely by itself, contains twenty-one comfortably and even elaborately furnished guest chambers, with a handsomely furnished ladies' parlor and reception room with separate ladies' entrance from the street. Ample accommodations are afforded commercial men by two



large sample rooms upon the main floor, with additional room above. The house is lighted by electricity, and heated by hot air pipes, and is equipped with all modern improvements, including hot and cold baths, and improved toilet facilities for both ladies and men. The cuisine is unsurpassed, the dining room being light and cheerful, and the house has bus connections to and from all trains day and night. It may be said, to use a veracular phrase, that there is nothing the matter with the Arlington of Welland or its genial landlord, Mr. Sam. Anger.

## J. M. Livingstone, Pianos and Organs.

If it be true that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, then Mr. J. M. Livingstone, whose music emporium is located on East Main street, a few rods east of the Court House, is entitled to distinction as a human pacificator, for in the seventeen years he has been dishing chunks of music in the form of pianos and organs, for their equivalent in money, to the music loving public of Welland County, and even farther, he has been a soothsayer of no mean ability, and he is still prepared to continue this very consoling process of ameliorating savage instincts. Mr. Livingstone handles the Morris and Ennis pianos, as also the Karn pianos and organs, these being considered in many respects superior to any others manufactured, and those who are seeking musical instruments of this character, either for public or private use, are invited to inspect those on exhibition at his warerooms, before purchasing elsewhere. They can be secured upon satisfactory terms. Mr. Livingstone also deals in instruction books, and is also prepared to furnish a piano and organ tuner of ability upon short notice, for either in or out of town patrons.



VIEW OF CHANTLER BROS.' FARM.

### Chantler Bros.' Model Farm.

Just  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Welland, in the south end of Pelham, the fruit township, is Chantlers' magnificent farm. It is the model farm of the Niagara Peninsula and, in fact, it is a community within itself. A great farm of 200 fertile acres; a post office, a store, a blacksmith shop, a saw mill, a railway station,—all under the name of Chantlers. It is an immense place built up on modern and progressive ideas by Chantler Bros., and now managed by Mr. Ellwood Chantler. The success which has been accomplished can only be realized by a visit to the farm and the many buildings upon it. An elegant modern residence of thirteen rooms, and surrounded by a pretty lawn and shade trees, faces the road. About it are five immense barns, mills, a store, graineries, shops, and other buildings; all a part of the departmental business. One hundred and seventy-five acres compose the main farm, and some 25 acres are two miles distant. The soil is fine, sandy, black loam, rich and productive. Every acre of the 175 is under the highest cultivation, and not a stump or boulder is to be found any place. Large buildings, fine fences, clean fields, and a general aspect of prosperity is noticed everywhere. There is probably no farm so large and so wealthy in appearance as this. As an agriculturist, Mr. Chantler has shown an ability and success that has been marvellous. Probably in no way can this be better shown than by mentioning that in one season alone 6,700 bushels of potatoes, 250 tons of hay, and a complement of grains, was taken off this farm. For years the land has been richly fertilized, and by studied efforts the fields have been steadily improved, until they have reached the highest standard of excellence. Space will not permit a description of the farm and its many buildings, but a few figures may give an idea of its magnitude. There are five barns, the largest of which is 50x100 feet, and the smallest, 30x50. These are used for various purposes. A grainery is

28x32; a corn crib 150 feet long, that has held 5000 bushels of corn at one time; a saw mill, 20x50; an engine house, 19x21, and a blacksmith shop 28x30. There are eight acres of apple orchard. Mr. Chantler, prior to 1900, had the assistance of his brother, Julius A. Chantler, in the management of the farm, but since the latter's death he has carried on the place alone. This valuable property is offered for sale.

### Georgian Bay Lumber and Coal Co.

One of the principal industries of Welland is that of the Georgian Bay Lumber & Coal Co., and planing mill property of Mr. W. L. Rice, located near the Michigan Central railroad, a spur from which extends to the plant. This business has been conducted by Mr. Rice for the past fifteen years, and the property is admirably situated as regards shipping facilities, for, aside from rail transportation, it is bordered by the Welland Canal, with convenient wharf facilities. The property comprises some three acres in the total. Mr. Rice not only deals in all kinds of lumber, dressed and undressed, but also bill stuff of every description, all of which is manufactured from the products of the forest secured from his own possessions in Northern Ontario. He also deals in coal in quantities to suit patrons, he having facilities for the storage of a thousand tons. Located upon the plant, in addition to a convenient office building and several storage sheds, is a modern planing mill, operated by a 30 h.p. engine, and equipped with the latest improved machinery and tools, for the turning out of builder's finish of every character, for outside or inside work, doors, sash and blinds. Mr. Rice not only deals in purposes, including moulding, sheathing, mantel and stair these goods, but manufactures them to order. In addition to all this, Mr. Rice is a builder and contractor, and many of the fine residences, not only in Welland, but in the surrounding towns, are evidences of the skill and handiwork of himself and his workmen. Mr. Rice furnishes employment

to from twelve to fifteen hands. He is also prepared to contract for and erect any character of a building, and to furnish plans and estimates, if required. In fact Mr. Rice is one of Welland's live and progressive citizens and business men, and the lumber yard and mill plant, of which he is the proprietor, is of very essential importance to the building interests of Welland and its contiguity.

### Dr. J. C. Cowper.

Dr. J. C. Cowper, whose office and handsome residence is on the corner of Muir and Young Streets, is a native of Owen Sound. He obtained an elementary education in the public school of that place, and took an advanced course in the Welland High School, to which town he had then removed. Upon leaving school in 1883, Dr. Cowper studied the drug business in connection with Mr. J. H. Bugar, and

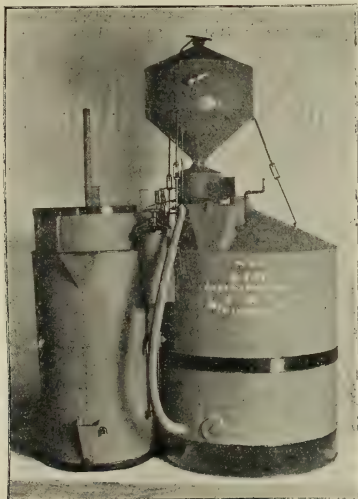


subsequently graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy. Later he attended Toronto University and graduated therefrom in 1892, and from Victoria College the same year. He then entered practice in Birmingham, Ala., and was appointed resident physician of the Charity Hospital of that place. Returning to Welland in 1894, he again assumed practice and has continued therein since, and is considered one of Welland's most popular and enterprising citizens.



## Welland Acetylene Gas Machine Co.

The Welland Acetylene Gas Machine Co., manufacturers of the "King" carbide feed acetylene gas machines, is somewhat of a new innovation to Welland's industrial enterprises, having been installed but a few months, its plant being located in a two story building on East Main Street, between the Grand Trunk depot and the canal. Mr. P. McMurray is the general manager of the company. He is a practical mechanic of long standing, and for years successfully conducted a stove and tinware business, which he relinquished in furtherance of his present interests. Every



detail incident to the manufacture of these machines from the raw material to the finished product, is given careful attention, and accomplished upon the premises, which are equipped with all the necessary paraphernalia for that purpose, and are produced in any size, and with a generating capacity of from fifteen lights to the installation of an entire town lighting plant. The salient features of these machines are their simplicity, economy and reliability, furnishing a bright, steady light of as great and even more intensity than electricity, and this, combined with its purity and freedom from odiferous smells, both in generating and the cleansing, renders the Welland machine of infinite

ly more value than any other extant, not only for the lighting of public or private buildings, but from hygienic principles. The Welland machines are not only adaptable to the lighting of apartments or buildings, but with the improvement introduced are more available and superior to the Pintsch, or any other method of lighting railway coaches or locomotives, affording better service and a brighter, steadier light.

## E. Brasford, Harness, Etc.



One of the best equipped and most reliable harness and horse clothing emporiums in Welland is that of Mr. E. Brasford, on West Main Street, it being the natural headquarters for this class of goods for miles around, though its reputation was not attained in a day, but is the result of studied efforts on the part of its proprietor, to please his patrons. Originally this store was established seventeen years since, by Mr. S. Brasford, father of the present proprietor, who dealt in leather and findings, hides,

skins and furs, the leather being manufactured at his own tannery in Pelham, and which is still in operation, Mr. Brasford having installed the plant a quarter of a century since. Nine years ago Mr. Brasford relinquished his Welland store to his son, Mr. E. Brasford, who continued the business already established, and three years since added that of strictly reliable harness and horse furnishings, which includes, rugs, robes, blankets, whips, nets, etc.; as also leather and findings, together with hides, skins and furs.

## W. H. Crow, Lumber.

In a community like that of which Welland is the centre, manufactured lumber is an important factor, and engaged therein in Mr. W. H. Crow, one of Welland's most enterprising and progressive citizens, whose office and yards are located upon North Main street, near the creek bridge, the plant bordering both that and the Welland Canal thereby affording exceptional facilities, both for the receipt and shipment of lumber. Mr. Crow acquired a pretty thorough knowledge of the business from his father, who though he followed lumbering upwards of seventy years, is still

hale and hearty at the advanced age of 91. Mr. Jacob Crow and his son, the present proprietor of the North Main street lumber yards, came to Welland from Pelham, locating upon the present site in June, 1874, at which time there was a saw mill upon the premises, run by water power. This was remodelled and run by steam power, furnishing employment to a number of hands, but, in October of the same year, this, with the adjoining lumber yard, was practically swept out of existence by fire. With that characteristic will and energy born of enterprise, Mr.



Crow and his son soon re-established themselves in the lumber business, discarding the mill entirely, and which for the past several years has been under the control of the son. Mr. Crow deals extensively in manufactured lumber of all dimensions, dressed and in the rough, which is procured direct from the lumber operator, in the shipment of which he contributes to the coffers of the Grand Trunk and other transportation companies an average of \$1800 per annum, and which at times has considerably exceeded this amount. Mr. Crow makes a specialty of handling matched flooring, dressed lumber, siding and wainscoting, and carries a large supply thereof, as well as lath and shingles. In fact he is the largest lumber dealer any where in this section, having facilities for a large amount upon his premises. In addition thereto Mr. Crow deals in bill stuff of every character, and when occasion demands is prepared to furnish builders' finish, including moulding, sheathing, doors, sash and blind at short notice. He also deals extensively in hard and soft coal of all kinds, disposing of the same by the car load or lesser quantities, as best suits his patrons, he having storage capacity for five hundred tons, upon his premises. He has just purchased some two hundred and fifty thousand feet of choice pine, 1 inch, 1½ and 2 inches, locally, which is said to be by mill men as fine a lot as they have seen for some time.

## A. Lawrence, Furniture and Undertaking.

Located in two story building, 18x100, on East Main Street, Welland, near the Opera House block, is the furniture and undertaking establishment of Mr. A. Lawrence, who has catered for Welland County patronage for the past thirteen years. Within this establishment can be found practically all that is required for the furnishing of any apartment from kitchen to attic, including bedding, window shades, portierres and draperies, every article thus exposed being up-to-date in design. Upon the lower floor is a commodious office and an upholstering department, together with various designs in dining room furniture, as also a well stocked carpet department, wherein can be procured carpetings of all grades, rugs, mattings, oil cloths, and linoleums, while the large portion of the floor above is given over to parlor and chamber suites, the former upholstered in the latest prevailing styles, and at prices that



are within reasonability. If upholstering or repairing be required, this firm can do it in as short a possible time, and at as little expense as any establishment in the Niagara peninsula. Picture framing is another feature, and they are enabled to furnish mouldings of any pattern. Moreover, Mr. Lawrence is a practical undertaker and embalmer, and as an undertaker and funeral director is prepared to assume charge of ceremonies, and to furnish any kind of a casket, together with burial furnishings and as fine a hearse as can be found in this vicinity. Samples of caskets and furnishings are kept constantly on hand in a dust proof apartment in the second story, in front of the furniture emporium. Added to all this, Mr. Lawrence has a two story warehouse, 35x60, in the rear of the main building, for storage. Altogether it is the leading furniture and undertaking emporium in the county.

## H. A. Rose, General Store.

While the general store, or more properly speaking, double store, for, though combined, each has a separate street entrance, of Mr. H. A. Rose, located in the three-story brick building, on the corner of West and North Main Streets, and which has been in successful operation since 1864, is not in a strict sense a department store, yet in its appointments, about all that is necessary to the comfort of mankind in general, externally and internally, can be found within. The corner store, which is 70x21, affords ample room for the display of such goods as are a delight to the fair sex, and the male sex as well, comprising all the latest and most fashionable patterns in dress goods, both domestic and foreign, from a common print to the finest fabrics, together with dress linings, trimmings, hosiery, gloves, small wares, underwear and furnishings for either sex. In connection therewith Mr. Rose carries a complete stock of boots, shoes, and general footwear, including rubbers of all sizes and adaptable for either sex, with wall papers and carpets of various designs and grades. The adjoining store is devoted to groceries, of which Mr. Rose carries as complete a stock as can be found in town, including all the staple commodities included in the grocery catalogue. In addition thereto, Mr. Rose carries a full line of crockery. As a fitting conclusion, a well stocked ready made clothing department, wherein can be found ready-to-wear garments for young or old, is one of the essentials of one of the best general merchandise establishments on the Niagara peninsula and the stock of which is maintained to a high standard of excellence, while the prices are no higher than is often quoted for inferior articles.

## W. H. Crowther, Baker.

The culinary art, like unto other pursuits, has been subject to many improvements, as to ingredients, as well as the ultimate production of cooked breadstuffs, and Mr. Wm. H. Crowther, whose bakery is located on North Main street, midway between West Main street and the river bridge, is an adept thereat, whether it be in the production of palatable and digestive bread, or cakes, or pastry. Certain it is that in the nine years Mr. Crowther has been in the business in Welland, the demand for home-made breadstuffs of his manufacture has steadily increased, until at present it requires the constant use of two delivery teams; and the demand is not confined to the town either. Mr. Crowther's success lies in the fact, that he uses nothing but the best of materials, be it flour or the components utilized in its leavening, and with the care exercised in its production, whether bread, cake, pastry, or

fancy baking, the result is a complete upset of mothers' doctrines of old regarding digestive qualities. In addition thereto Mr. Crowther has introduced many new improvements to his establishment, and aside from making a specialty of family and vienna bread and other breadstuffs, he carries a fine line of choice confectionery, as also a soda fountain, from which is dispensed this health giving beverage flavored with pure fruit syrups. Ice cream of all flavors is another essential, and this can be partaken of in comfort in a cosy ice cream parlor in connection with



the bakery, or procured wholesale at any time upon order. Catering is another specialty with Mr. Crowther, and at short notice he is prepared to furnish the necessary supplies for parties, large or small. Mr. Crowther has had eighteen years' experience, and is therefore familiar with the bakers' profession in all its details. Since locating in Welland he has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his adopted town, and is at present a member of the town council, as also of the Masonic fraternity.



## Dr. J. W. Schooley, M.D.

Morally and ethically, the medical fraternity are debared from the public notoriety accorded public officials or benefactors in general, but as this volume is simply and purely a resume of the town of Welland and its denizens, professionally or commercially engaged, it may not be out of place to say that Dr. J. W. Schooley, whose handsome residence is on Division Street, with convenient office located therein, is a native of Welland county, and acquired an elementary education from its public schools, with an advanced course in the high school. Subsequently he attended the University of Vermont at Burlington, from which he graduated in 1862, and was a graduate of Rolph's School, or medical department of the Victoria University of Toronto in 1863, since which time he has, with but little exception, been in practice in Welland. The doctor has always evinced a very active interest in educational interests, and was for two years an instructor in the High School at Drummondville, and has been chairman of the High School Board of Welland, as also a member of the Public School Board, and is at present health officer of the town. Dr. Schooley is also a member of the Examining Board of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, and is one of Welland's most popular citizens, ever ready to aid in the town's welfare.

## The Fonthill Nurseries.

A town is judged by its surroundings just as a man's character is judged by his associations. The environments are what count. In this respect Welland is most fortunate. It is situated in the midst of the district known as the Garden of Canada. This just and fair reputation has been won by the broad acres whose rich vineyards, orchards and nurseries spread their lusciousness in all directions. The greatest of these and the one which is the subject of this sketch, is the Fonthill Nurseries of Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, known from one end of the wide Dominion to the other, and from the north to the south of the temperate zone. No firm of its kind in Canada possesses such rich lands and enjoys such an enviable reputation as that of Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington. Theirs is recognized as the largest and finest nurseries in Canada, and one of the greatest in America. Their central farm is on the rich and beautiful slopes of the mountain at Fonthill, less than four miles from Welland, but their lands reach out in all



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. W. SCHOOLEY

directions and some touch the border lines of the town. The entrance to the grounds at the Company's office is on the left of the main road south of and leading into Fonthill. The drive is up a sandy roadway under overhanging trees on either side. Then a glimpse comes of the prettiest little spots in the world. A roadway runs up either side of a cool, green lawn, dotted with gorgeous flower beds of quaint shapes and artistic arrangements. On the sides and in the rear are pretty shade trees and a maze of paths and trim hedges. In the rear are the offices, the hot-houses, the packing sheds and the other buildings, while beyond are the wide acres of orchards, berry fields, vineyards, fields of flowers and acres and acres of nursery stock. It is a sight to visit at any time of the spring, autumn or summer months, and many strangers every day wonder that so many beautiful things can grow in one spot. The Fonthill nurseries started some thirty years ago, when Mr. E. Morris, the senior member of the present firm, then went into business with a Mr. Hill, under the name of E. Morris & Co. They secured the old Taylor nurseries and started with twenty acres of land. Five years later the firm of Morris, Stone & Wellington was created, and for twenty-five years it has grown and prospered. An idea of its prosperity can be gleaned from the fact that the firm now controls over 700 acres of the best land in the Niagara District. Their agents are everywhere, and their fruit trees, their berry plants and the flowers are shipped out by the carload, north, south, east and west. Their plantings and

sales total about one million plants and trees each year. The greatest portion of the firm's business, in fact almost all of it, is done through agencies established all over the country. This is looked after by Mr. Wellington, whose offices are in Toronto, while Mr. Morris controls the nurseries and the wholesale department. In the spring, which is the busiest season at the nurseries, over 200 hands are employed on the farms. The shipping in the earlier spring makes a busy and interesting scene, when the stock is being packed in immense wooden boxes. The greater part is sent from a spur of the T. H. & B. Ry., which runs into a portion of their nursery; there is also a large quantity sent from Port Robinson, on the G. T. Ry. Mr. E. Morris, the senior member of the firm is one of the best known and most influential men in the Niagara Peninsula. He was several years represented his section of the county in the county council, and has twice occupied the Warden's chair of the County of Welland, which position he held last year. Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington are also breeders of sire horses and for years have had a reputation of having the finest heavy draught horses in Canada. The greatest of their animals now is the stud Mars, but his ancestors have won many laurels ahead of him, and the same stock have been prize winners all over America. At present Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington have over forty thoroughbreds in their stables, which are probably the best known in Canada to-day. The animals have been admired by every one who fancies heavy horses. Some of them are worth thousands of dollars.



RESIDENCE OF EL-MAYOR J. R. MCCALLUM

## MR. ISAAC P. WILLSON

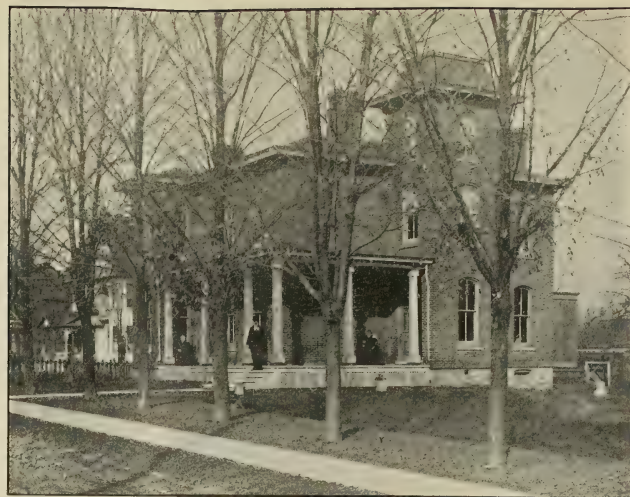
### One of the County's most Prominent Men

A Descendent of the United Empire Loyalists and the Bearer of a Family Name that is Associated with the History of the Niagara Peninsula.

#### A Brief Sketch of His Public and Private Career.

The subject of this sketch, Isaac P. Willson, Esq., than whom no individual is better known, not only in Welland, but in many parts of the Dominion of Canada, was born in the township of Pelham, county of Welland, April 29, 1829, during the reign of King George the Fourth. His grandfather, Mr. Isaac Willson, was a United Empire Loyalist, who came to this country in June, 1783, and took up a plot of ground in South Pelham, within a mile of where the subject of this sketch was born, and became a member of the society of friends called Quakers. "I. P.'s" father, Daniel Willson, Esq., was born at the same place, December 11, 1804, and married Durinda S. Page, in June, 1828. Subsequently "Aunt Durinda," for her motherly qualities and considerable ability, became a household word throughout the old Niagara District. The Willson homestead became memorable as a place of call for the first gentlemen in the land, and by that means, when yet quite young, "I. P." made the acquaintance of official Canada very largely. The subject of this sketch studied geography in the angle of the fireplace of the old farmhouse, where his curly head was very hot from the fire on the one side, while he could easily contemplate the starry heavens by glancing up the chimney. Being of a studious temperament and of robust

constitution, he was one of the most regular attendants of the public school, until the teachers then engaged lacked ability to further instruct him, and from thence his education was continued at various institutions of learning in the neighboring State of New York, where he graduated with honors in June, 1844. Graduation with him was not an end, but only the beginning of studious life. Later he was a public school teacher, superintendent of schools and trustee of public and high schools for thirty-three consecutive years. He was the youngest magistrate ever commissioned in his native county, and at present holds the oldest Commission of the Peace in the county of Welland. October 22, 1861, he received the appointment of clerk of the County Clerk of the county of Welland, under the great seal of old United Canada, which commission carried with it the office of Deputy Clerk of the Crown, etc. At present his official card is as follows: Local Registrar High Court of Justice, and Clerk of the County Court of the County of Welland, Notary Public, Conveyancer, Commissioner and Registrar Surrogate Court. In religion he holds to the teachings of his ancestors. In politics, he is a Liberal of the most pronounced type, though excluded by his official position from the public exercise of his political opinions



RESIDENCE OF MR. I. P. WILLSON.

and the franchise. A mind so constituted must have employment, and over and above his legal studies, constantly intense, he has become distinguished in his literary attainments. A ready writer and forcible speaker, has rendered him of some importance to his beloved Canada. His great thirst for knowledge induced him to seek light in Masonry in December, 1850, since which time he has become a distinguished member of the several grand bodies of Freemasonry in Canada. Mr. Willson was married September 25, 1850, to Margaret Willson, and at present is the father of two living children, Mr. F. C. Willson, of Toronto, and Miss Mary Beatrice Willson, who is at present the head of his family. July 9th, 1876, he had the misfortune to lose his amiable and truly literary wife, since which time he has remained a widower. For the value of his services to his native county and country, he refers to all and everyone who has known him during life. Of an independent mind he is never negative, but always positive in his opinions, while at the same time courtesy is characteristic of his expression. Generous to a fault, his friends are many and of the warmest.



## A Griffiths, Warden Welland County.

Mr. A. Griffiths, Warden of the County of Welland, was born in the township of Crowland, where his father, Mr. Thos. Griffiths, still resides, at the ripe old age of 86 years. The subject of this sketch located in Welland in 1864, and has been actively engaged in business since, maintaining an active interest in agricultural, educational and municipal affairs, having been connected with the management of the County of Welland Agricultural Society for several years. He has served on the Public and High School



Boards, and was a member of the Town and County Council in 1895. He was Mayor of Welland in 1897. In 1901 he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and became Warden of the County the current year. He is one of the promoters of the 20th Century rink, built by himself and C. J. Page in 1898. Mr. Griffiths has done much to beautify the town in the matter of building a substantial class of residences, and he owns a block of land adjacent to the G. T. R., admirably situated for manufacturing purposes.

## R. G. Common, Baker and Confectioner.

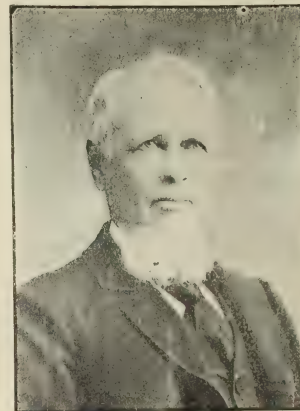
The professional baker is just as essential to the community as those who provide any other matter of life's sustenance, for the baker is usually prepared at short notice to furnish the individual or the family, the hotel, or private party, with such cooked breadstuffs that for palatableness and variety excels that of domestic cooking. There is a difference, nevertheless, in bakers, for while the ordin-

ary daily consumption of this particular necessity of life is of every day plain variety, there are occasions, not infrequent, when something in fancy breadstuffs is required, which often develops the resourcefulness of the manipulator thereof, and brings the baker's art into prominence, creditable alike to his genius and those for whom he caters, and it is this which has redounded to the credit of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Common, whose modern baking establishment with its handsome plate glass front, is located on East Main Street, not far from the Court House. Mr. and Mrs. Commons have been associated in this essential profession for upward of sixteen years, successfully, and are familiar with every detail in the production of plain or fancy baking, the components of which are from the best material and substances. Aside from the production of plain home made bread, cake and pastry, requiring the constant use of a delivery team in order to supply patrons, other than those who procure their supplies from the establishment itself, they make a specialty of ornamented wedding or party cakes in any design desired to order, as also the very best of fancy cooked and ornamented breadstuffs, in all its forms, and are prepared to supply parties, large or small, with bread, cake or pastry, at the shortest possible notice. Then again they have added a handsome ice cream parlor to their premises, wherein is dispensed during the season, this delicious substance, of all flavors, and of their own manufacture, together with ice cream soda tinged with the best of home made pure fruit syrups. Ice cream can also be procured at all times in any quantity, or of any flavor, upon order, for receptions or parties. Mr. Common also carries a fine line of candies and sweetmeats, and being a confectioner as well, manufactures his own confections to a large extent. Altogether it is the leading baking and confectionery establishment in Welland.

## Henry Cronmiller, Port Colborne.

One of the most enterprising and progressive citizens and business men of Welland County, and who practically exemplifies the self-made man, is Mr. Henry Cronmiller, senior member of the Cronmiller & White Brewing Co., of Port Colborne. Mr. Cronmiller was born in the township of Bertie, County of Welland, in 1829, his parents being natives of Alstace, one of the provinces so long in dispute between Germany and France. The subject of this sketch obtained an education through the public schools of his native county, laboring on a farm in the meantime. In 1850, he married Miss Caroline Weidman, of Humberstone, and continued farming on his own account until 1873, when he disposed of his farm to engage in the grain business. In 1875, he, in company with Mr. T. F. White, pur-

chased the brewery of Mr. Jacob North, at Port Colborne, and has since been a resident of that town. Socially, Mr. Cronmiller is of the highest standard in the esteem not only of the townspeople, but by all who know him throughout the county. Politically, he is a Conservative, of broad and progressive sentiment, ever alive to the constituency and interests of the community in which he resides, and as such, has, in the past, been honored by the community. He was for ten years treasurer of the township of Humberstone, and since becoming a resident of Port Colborne, has been honored by membership in the town council



for several terms, as also for a number of years in the past serving as reeve, the latter entitling him to membership in the County Council. He was also Warden of the county in 1898, and at the recent Provincial elections was the standard bearer of the Conservative party for the county of Welland. He made a splendid run, and reduced the majority of 262, of the Government candidate, to 112. Regarding the business in which he is interested, he is the president of the Cronmiller & White Brewing Co., Mr. T. F. White being manager and treasurer. Like Mr. Cronmiller Mr. White is a self-made man, he having been born in Humberstone, his father having been one of the first German settlers of that township. He followed the business of blacksmithing until 1875, when he became associated with Mr. Cronmiller in the brewing business, which on May last was merged into the Cronmiller & White Brewing Co.

## T. D. Cowper, County Crown Attorney.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. T. D. Cowper, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of Canada since early childhood, having at first settled in Owen Sound. He obtained an elementary education in the public schools, with an advanced course at Toronto, and is a graduate of Osgoode Hall law school. He was admitted to the bar in 1877, and at once established practice in Welland, and is at

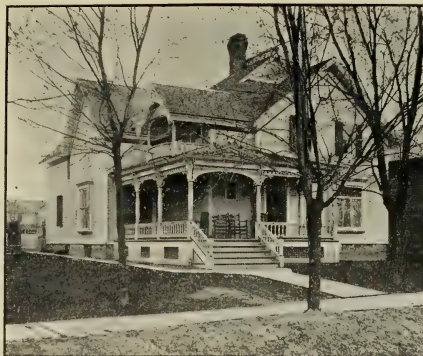


present a member of the law firm of Harcourt, Cowper & Maccomb, with offices on East Main street, opposite the Court House. In public life Mr. Cowper has always evinced an interest in the welfare of his adopted town, and has been for many years a member of its Public School Board. He was appointed County Crown Attorney in January, 1892, and still retains the position. He resides in one of the many beautiful residences adorning Welland's fashionable avenue, a cut of which appears herewith.

## J. G. Demare, Insurance.

One of Welland's most popular and progressive citizens is Mr. J. G. Demare, an honored member of the present town council. Mr. Demare is an old time resident of the town, but for a period of twenty-eight years or more, he was identified with the management and construction of both the old and new Welland Canals, which required his presence elsewhere. In connection with the new canal, he had charge of placing the gates in position, and getting the canal ready for navigation, its entire length, and had the honor of taking the first boat, the "Don M. Dickinson,"

through the canal. In 1881, he was made assistant superintendent of maintenance of the lower division of the new canal, retiring therefrom on account of ill health in 1898, since which time he has been successfully engaged in fire, life



and accident insurance business, representing the leading companies in that line of business. He has an office in his beautiful residence on West Main Street, a cut of which appears with this sketch.



RESIDENCE OF MR. T. H. SEARS



METHODIST CHURCH

## Some Organizations.

### Public Institutions.

There are many other organizations which contribute to the prosperity of Welland. A splendid fire department, well equipped and in good training, protect the town from conflagration, and it has been many years since anything more than a trifling loss has occurred from fire.

The town possesses a public library with carefully selected volumes on the shelves, besides periodicals, magazines and newspapers. It has splendid quarters in the new town hall and is much used.

The Public School Board is composed of: Mr. Thomas Main, chairman; Dr. Burger, Messrs. D. Ross, W. J. Best, A. E. White, Wm. Stapf, D. Robins and T. D. Cowper; Mr. John McCaw is secretary.

The Public School teaching staff are: Mr. W. J. Dowkes, principal; Miss Armstrong, Miss Johnstone, Miss Morin and Miss Yokom. The kindergarten class is provided over by Miss Mackie.

High School Board: Dr. Howell, chairman; Mr. W. H. Lowe, secretary; Messrs. Geo. Ross, J. E. Whalley, J. E. Cutler and Geo. H. Pettit.



The High School teaching staff are : Mr. H. B. McCuaig, principal ; Mr. James McNiece, Miss Foster and Miss Buchner.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Lodges and Societies.

Masonic Fraternity—Willson Chapter, No. 64, R. A. M., meets the last Wednesday of each month. Principal Z., D. Ross ; Secretary, Geo. Wells. Copestone Lodge, No. 373, A. F. & A. M., meets first Thursday in each month ; W. M., L. P. Vannatter ; Secretary, Thos. Main. Merritt Lodge, No. 168, A. F. & A. M., meets Monday on or before the full moon ; W. M., J. F. Hill ; Secretary, John Coulson.

I. O. O. F., Orient Lodge, No. 134, meets the second Tuesday of each month. E. R. Hilton, Noble Grand ; Wm. Swartz. Rec.-Sec.

A. O. U. W., meets first and second Tuesdays of each month ; Geo. Ross, Master ; Geo. E. Scace, Secretary.

C. O. F., Court Alert, No. 426, meets second and fourth Monday of each month ; Jas. Patterson, Chief Ranger ; Harry Swayze, Rec.-Sec.

Welland Fire Company, meets first Friday of each month ; Chief, Chas. Stapf ; Captain, A. E. Garden ; Secretary, Geo. Wells.

Home Circle, meets first Monday of each month ; Leader, W. E. Anger ; Secretary, Thos. McPherson.

L. O. L., No. 1234, Welland, meets second Thursday of each month ; Caleb Robins, Master ; Wm. Herdman, Secretary.

Carpenters' Union, meets 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month ; Mr. Henry Hederick, President ; Mr. F. Springer, Secretary.

C. M. B. A., No. 119, meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month ; President, J. R. Dowd ; Secretary, H. G. Ogg.

Welland Federal Union, No. 9659, of American Federation of labor, meets on 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month ; H. F. Dickie, Pres. ; Ernest Green, Secretary.

C. O. C. F., No. 285A, meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month ; Chief Councillor, E. E. Kennedy ; Recorder, O. F. Morin.

#### The Churches.

Methodist Church : Rev. Geo. W. Calvert, pastor ; C. H. Reilly, Recording Steward. Societies connected,—Ladies' Aid, Women's Foreign Missionary, W. C. T. U., Epworth League, Junior League, Mission Circle.

Presbyterian Church : Rev. F. McCuaig, pastor ; W. J. Dowkes, Board Secretary. Societies connected,—Ladies' Aid, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Y. P. S. C. E., Ida Auxiliary.

Holy Trinity' Church : Rev. Dr. Johnstone, rector ; G. H. Pettit and D. B. White, wardens. Societies connected,—Ladies' Auxiliary.

Church of the Japanese Martyrs : Rev. Father Trayling, pastor. Services at 8.00 and 10.30 a.m., each alternate Sunday.

Baptist Church : Rev. Wm. Cuthbert, pastor.

Disciples Church : Rev. W. H. Swayze, pastor.

Free Methodist Church : Rev. Ira Brown, pastor.



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Some twelve years since, Mr. J. H. Crow disposed of his grocery stock since which time he has most successfully conducted a hardware and tinsmithing establishment, his business permeating a large portion of the Niagara Peninsula. Mr. Crow occupies a three story brick building on West Main street, the lower floor being utilized for the display and sale of stoves, silverware, shelf hardware, tin and granite ware; the second being used as a repair shop for all kinds of tin and galvanized ironware, and the third for the storage of light stock, such as screen doors, etc.; the basement being filled with painter's and other supplies, including, nails, glass, oils, and also horseshoes. Mr. Crow also does a large business in plumbing and gas fitting, and had the contract for the plumbing of the Dexter House, as also many of the fine residences in town. Mr. Crow buys for cash, and sells at close profits, and no doubt exists but that this is the place to purchase stoves and hardware. Mr. Crow has been honored with a membership in the High School Board several times, as well as in the town council; is treasurer of the Methodist church, and a P. D. D. G. M. of the Masonic Order in the Niagara district.



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